

In the Claims

This listing of claims, as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c), replaces all prior versions of claims in the application. Deletions from amended claims herein are indicated by ~~striktthrough~~ text and additions to same indicated by underlining.

Claims Listing

1. (currently amended) A painter's portable tool kit comprising a topple resistant receptacle having a generally flat bottom surface and an inner surface comprising a paint can securing means surrounded by a spill retainer wall, said receptacle comprising a shallow pan shaped container having a generally flat bottom surface with a spill retainer wall extending upwardly from about the perimeter thereof to form a liquid holding well therewith, said spill retainer wall comprising a double-walled arrangement having spaced inner and outer walls connected ~~about~~ along top margins thereof, said receptacle further comprising ~~at least one~~ a plurality of spaced apart guide members extending from means connecting said top margins of said spaced inner and outer walls, and providing a defined area to rest a painter's tool therein.

2-3. Cancelled.

4. (previously presented) A kit of claim 1 wherein a bottom edge of said outer wall faces downwardly and extends slightly below the plane of said flat bottom surface of said receptacle.

5. (previously presented) A kit of claim 1 wherein said receptacle comprises a generally flat inner surface and said paint can securing means comprises a raised shoulder arranged on said inner surface of said receptacle, said raised

shoulder being sized, dimensioned and configured to engage a protruding ridge of a paint container.

6. (original) A kit of claim 5 wherein said raised shoulder comprises a rib configured to resist withdrawal of said protruding ridge from engagement with said shoulder.

7. (original) A kit of claim 5 wherein at least one of said raised shoulder, rib and protruding ridge is resilient.

8. (original) A kit of claim 5 wherein said raised shoulder is arranged to engage a protruding ridge along an edge connecting a base and side of a metal paint container.

9. (Original) A kit of claim 8 wherein a protruding ridge of a metal paint container is generally circular and said raised shoulder of said securing means is generally circular.

10. Withdrawn.

11. (previously presented) A kit of claim 1 wherein said receptacle is oblong, having a rectilinear shape at one end and a curved shape at the opposite end.

12. Cancelled.

13. (previously presented) A kit of claim 1 wherein the surface area of the bottom surface of said receptacle is at least twice the surface area of the bottom surface of a cylindrical gallon metal paint can.

14. (previously presented) A kit of claim 1 further comprising a paint can slot shield, said slot shield comprising a disk having a top side, bottom side, central opening, and exterior perimeter.

15. (original) A kit of claim 14 wherein said disk comprises a brush bristle wiping means.

16. (original) A kit of claim 15 wherein said brush bristle wiping means comprises a generally straight wiping edge.

17. (previously presented) A kit of claim 16 comprising a further wiping edge extending angularly from said generally straight wiping edge.

18. (original) A kit of claim 15 wherein said central opening of said disk is generally circular and said brush bristle wiping means comprises a wiping bar having a wiping edge arranged between spaced points along the perimeter of the generally circular central opening.

19. (original) A kit of claim 14 wherein said central opening of said disk is generally circular and generally concentric with said exterior perimeter of said disk, and said bottom side of said disk comprises spaced, generally concentric, first and second raised shoulders arranged respectively ~~along~~ about the perimeter of said central opening and said exterior perimeter of said disk.

20. (original) A kit of claim 19 comprising a gripping tab extending from about said exterior perimeter of said disk.

21. (original) A kit of claim 19 wherein an inside surface of said first raised shoulder of said disk comprises a ridge arranged to engage an inside surface of a generally circular opening to a paint can.

22. (original) A kit of claim 18 wherein said disk further comprises a wiping shield.

23. (original) A kit of claim 22 wherein said wiping shield comprises a raised shoulder arranged on said top side of said disk along about said perimeter of the central opening, adjacent to said wiping bar.

24. (original) A kit of claim 14 wherein said disk comprises a brush securing means.

25. (original) A kit of claim 24 wherein said brush securing means comprises a resilient gripping means arranged to secure a brush against a backing surface.

26. Cancelled.

27. (original) A kit of claim 1 further comprising an adapter plate.

28. (original) A kit of claim 27 wherein said adapter plate comprises a plate having a circular raised shoulder on a first side and a rectilinear raised shoulder on the opposite side, one of said shoulders being configured to engage said paint can securing means, the other being configured to secure a paint can thereto.

29. (original) A kit of claim 1 further comprising a ladder hook.

30. (original) A kit of claim 29 wherein said ladder hook comprises a generally “U” shaped first end configured to removably mount to a rung of a ladder and two or more spaced opposite ends arranged to connect at spaced positions to an end of said receptacle.

31. (original) A kit of claim 30 wherein said ladder hook is formed from a single wire rod, folded over at about its center to form two closely spaced generally parallel rods connected at a first end and shaped to form a generally “U” shape suitable to loop over a ladder rung; said rods being thereafter separated to form

spaced opposite ends, arranged to securely engage opposite sides of said receptacle.

32. (currently amended) A topple resistant receptacle comprising:

a shallow pan shaped container having a generally flat bottom surface and a generally flat inner surface;

a spill retainer wall extending upwardly from about the perimeter of said bottom surface and forming a liquid holding well therewith;

said spill retainer wall being a double-walled arrangement comprising spaced inner and outer walls joined along top margins thereof and spaced apart along bottom margins thereof, a bottom edge of said outer wall facing downwardly and extending slightly below the plane of said flat bottom surface of said receptacle;

wherein said inner surface comprises a raised shoulder thereon, said raised shoulder being sized, dimensioned and configured to engage and ~~foreible~~ forcibly mount a bottom end of a paint container thereto;

and wherein said receptacle further comprises a plurality of spaced apart guide members extending from the top margins of said spaced inner and outer walls, and providing a defined area to rest a painter's tool therein.

33-38. Withdrawn.

39. (new) A painter's portable tool kit comprising:

a topple resistant receptacle having a generally flat bottom surface and an inner surface comprising a paint can securing means surrounded by a spill retainer wall, said receptacle comprising a shallow pan shaped container having a generally flat bottom surface with a spill retainer wall extending upwardly from about the perimeter thereof to form a liquid holding well therewith, said spill retainer wall comprising a double-walled arrangement having spaced inner and outer walls connected along top margins thereof, said receptacle comprising at least one guide member extending from means connecting said top margins of said spaced inner and outer walls;

a paint can slot shield, said slot shield comprising a disk having a top side, bottom side, central opening, and exterior perimeter, wherein said disk comprises a brush securing means and wherein said brush securing means comprises a resilient gripping means arranged to secure a brush against a backing surface and wherein said resilient gripping means comprises an elongate resilient member extending into said central opening of said disk, arranged to forcibly engage a painter's brush between the resilient member and a backing surface arranged at the perimeter of said central opening.